

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

Claims 3-4 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Saperston.

With the present communication, applicant canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims. The new claims have been drafted in compliance with the discussion during the interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's recommendations.

The Examiner indicated in the last Office Action that claims 5-7 were directed to an invention that was independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed.


It is believed that the newly submitted claims will satisfy the Examiner's requirements expressed in paragraph 3 of the Office Action and it is respectfully requested to examine the claims. If the Examiner is of opinion that any of the new claims is allowable, while the other claims are rejected,

applicant will be pleased to cancel the rejected claims and to continue the prosecution only with the allowable claim (claims).

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,



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